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POLICE HOLD BACK CROWD AT FUNERAL

Whole Nation Mourns As
Curtain Rings Down On
Premier Entertainer

NEW YORK CITY, March 8. More than 7,000 persons jammed the streets leading to the church at Bert Williams' funeral here Tuesday. Details of mounted policemen patrolled the streets to keep the crowds back.

NEW YORK CITY, March 11.—Bert Williams, considered by many critics the foremost American comedian of all times, died at his home here Saturday night of pneumonia. He was 52 years of age.

He collapsed on the stage at Detroit Monday night in the midst of the second performance of "Under the Bamboo Tree," in which he was starring. He had been in ill health for more than a year, and shortly before his collapse was under the constant attendance of physicians, who remained with him at all times, even accompanying him to and from the theatre, and sleeping in adjoining rooms with him.

Immediately after his collapse in Detroit he was taken to New York City, where it was hoped a blood transfusion would restore his health. A relapse occurred Saturday from which he was unable to recover.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at St. Philip's church, a second ceremony to be held Wednesday afternoon under auspices of St. George Lodge of Masons. He was a member of Haverly Lodge, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Scores of telephone and telegraph messages were received by his widow at their home, 135th Street and Lenox Avenue. All day Sunday and Monday Bert's admirers, both on the stage and off, thronged the house and requested the opportunity personally to pay their respects to the memory of the great entertainer.

Went on Nerve
During his recent engagement at the Studebaker Theatre in Chicago Williams is said to have gone through his performances on sheer nerve, expecting a collapse at any moment, although the audience was unaware of the fact.

Born in West Indies
Williams was born in Nassau, British West Indies, and came to this country when two years of age. He worked at odd jobs in New York, and after serving an enlistment in the army, went on the stage.

He began his stage career as a banjo player with a minstrel show. He then joined with George Walker in a variety show and made a name along the Pacific Coast.

His first hit was at Jack Halahan's Midway Theatre in San Francisco. From variety the team went to "three-day" in vaudeville. Success finally crowned their efforts in "Dahomey," and Williams & Walker became an American institution.

One of Williams' greatest shocks was the death of his partner, George Walker. He threatened to leave the stage at Walker's death, but was persuaded by his friends to remain. Williams & Walker appeared both in this country and abroad at private entertainments and at special showings before royalty and nobility.

Scored with Follies
Bert Williams reached the zenith of his career with the Ziegfeld Follies.

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Final Curtain For Him



BERT WILLIAMS

As a Captain of the 15th New York Infantry

SAY SENATOR GAZED ON LYNCHING

Make Startling Charge
Against Lawmaker Who
Opposed Anti-Lynch Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Senator Overman of North Carolina watched the lynching of three men taken from the Rowan County jail, according to a charge made early this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Senator Overman is a member of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary which is considering the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill. The charge against the senator will be laid before the committee according to the association.

Flayed by White Press

The charge against Senator Overman is taken from the Greensboro, N. C., Daily News of February 28, 1922, which says editorially:

"Lynchings take place in North Carolina, except in the very rarest instances, whenever and wherever a mob has sufficient leadership with it to undertake them. And Governor Morrison knows it. And the trash and off-scourings of humanity, which make up the personnel of these villainous murder-gangs most often are neither friends nor relatives of the outraged persons, and Governor Morrison knows that. What friends or relatives either of the 'outraged persons' or of his excellency, who speaks so knowingly of mob habits, broke into that Charlotte hospital and lynched that wounded Negro? He doesn't know nor does anybody else. What friends and relatives of the Lyncerly broke into Rowan jail while Judge Long was there with a governor's high commission to hold a special court, took six Negroes from the jail, lynch them, and without interest enough to wear masks, save for the brute faces of the several executioners, and got away with it while Judge Long, Congressman Hammer, Congressman Klutz, and United States Senator Overman, Sheriff Julian, 13 special deputies and the Rowan Rifles looked interestedly on?"

Senator Overman is reported to be bitterly opposed to the Dyer Anti-Lynch Bill.

Condemned Man Buys Flowers For His Own Funeral

COLUMBUS, O., March 11.—Leroy Taylor, 34, of Youngstown, took pains to see that proper floral offerings should grace his funeral. He was electrocuted Friday for the murder of Myrtle Williams, 15, of Youngstown.

Just before he went to the electric chair he took his last dollar and asked the warden's wife to purchase appropriate flowers for his funeral. He also asked to be buried in his overseas uniform.

Defies 12 Robbed In Ku Klux Garb

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 11.—Twelve men dressed in the garb of Ku Klux Klansmen entered a pool hall operated by Quinn Farrabee and ordered him to leave the city within seven days. Farrabee is the proprietor of a barber shop and pool hall. He declared he would defy the order.

Runa For K. C. Alderman

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 11.—At a meeting held at the Highland Ave. Baptist Church here last Monday night, T. R. Watkins was selected to run for alderman at the next election, nominated over Dr. L. V. Miller and Attorney L. A. Knox.

He Can't Live And Fails In Death Attempt

Henry Jones, 29, 4515 Prairie avenue, is in hard luck. He tried to get a job so he could live, but every door of opportunity seemed closed to him. Nobody would give him employment.

He then decided to try the other alternative and—die. Thursday night he obtained a quantity of lysool and drank it with suicidal intent. Dr. Dawson, 4437 Prairie avenue, revived him and prevented him from dying. He was advised by friends to try suspended animation, and thereby find a happy medium between life and death.

Pastor's List Of 'Hell Cats' Starts Riot

NEW YORK CITY, March 11.—Opposing factions of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Brooklyn marched to court today to tell the story of a "small-sized riot" which followed the alleged action of their pastor, the Rev. T. S. Harten of Boston, known as the "Colored Billy Sunday," in ordering read at a Sunday vesper service a list of the "hell cats" and "snakes" in his flock.

When the story had been told and the court had handed down its decision, pandemonium broke loose in the courtroom, with women dancing down the aisles and men hanging their hats into the air clapping their hands.

Oust Dr. Patterson

Testimony showed that on Jan. 3 the Rev. Dr. Charles D. Patterson had been ousted from the pulpit by injunction, after charges had been preferred against him and that the Boston evangelist—famous for his sermon "A Hot Day in Hell" and "What the Devil Do You Want?"—had been named as his successor.

Then it seems Mrs. Ella Cheatham, whose husband is chairman of the board of deacons, and who herself is one of Patterson's supporters, circulated a paper entitled "Why the Rev. Dr. Patterson is Temporarily Absent from His Pulpit."

On Feb. 19, it is alleged, Mr. Harten had ordered the church clerk to read aloud the list of "hell cats" and "snakes" who had signed the petition. Thereupon, to the cheers of supporters and hisses of her opponents, Mrs. Cheatham was alleged to have marched down the aisle, snatched the paper from the clerk's hand and torn it up.

All of which led to John Dickerson, a trustee and Harten supporter, getting out a summons for Mrs. Cheatham on a charge of disorderly conduct and her appearance in court today.

Her defense was that she was protecting her character. The case was dismissed.

PHILADELPHIA FAIR OFFICIAL HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—For the fifth time within less than two months, Charles H. Brooks, a real estate broker, who was an official of the Autumn Fair, held by colored people here last fall, was haled into court on an embezzlement charge.

After two hours of wrangling without any result for the creditors who secured a warrant for Brooks' arrest, he was again released on bail.

Brooks was appointed to collect \$10,000 appropriated by the city for the fair, and did not make proper reports of his expenditures, it is alleged.

Armored Burglar Appears On Scene

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 11.—Jim Jones, 300 1/2 23rd street, evidently believes in safety first methods in burglary. He was found burglarizing the Central Ice Co. here wearing an overcoat helmet on his head. When searched he was found to have stolen ice tickets to the value of 6,000 pounds. Two Plunge to Death in Pacific

HEIRESS TO \$20,000,000 DISAPPEARS

Suspect Foul Play In
Disappearance of Woman
Whom Court Gave Millions

DALLAS, Tex., March 11.—Speculation is rife here over the disappearance of Mrs. Lillie G. Taylor, who was recently awarded \$20,000,000 in oil properties by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Prior to the award Mrs. Taylor lived in a humble shack here. Until recently she had been working regularly as a house cleaner, say her neighbors. Suddenly she disappeared and no one seems to know where she has gone.

It is believed in some quarters that the heiress is in Louisiana attending to matters pertaining to her oil properties.

It is hinted by others that she may have become the victim of foul play. Strenuous efforts were made to keep the property from the possession of Mrs. Taylor, who is an illegitimate child of white parentage, and it is believed that she is in danger of kidnapping or violence.

Kerlin Asks \$50,000 Of Va. M. I.

LEXINGTON, Va., March 11.—Colonel Robert T. Kerlin, formerly member of the faculty of the Virginia Military Institute, has entered suit against the school for damages in the sum of \$50,000.

Gol. Kerlin was dismissed from the faculty of the school when he manifested an interest in the trial of the Elaine "insurrectionists" in Arkansas.

He wrote a letter to the governor of Arkansas criticizing the attitude of the Arkansas officials. Immediately after publication of the statement, Prof. Kerlin was dismissed by the Board of Visitors in a private meeting.

After dismissing the professor, the board allowed him to occupy his residence upon the campus until Jan. 1, when he was expected to vacate. He has refused to vacate the premises, and eviction proceedings have been brought against him.

Stepson Hatchets Head Of Mother's Husband

Dempsey Yates, 33, 637 E. 33rd St., was chopped across the head with a hatchet in the hands of his stepson Sunday. Yates had been quarreling with his wife, the boy's mother.

Handcuffs Man, Then Shoots Him Dead

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 11.—Henry Buchanan was shot to death a few minutes after being arrested here by A. W. Wynn, white, a special policeman. When Buchanan's body was picked up, he was found to be handcuffed. The special officer claims that he shot Buchanan because he was resisting arrest. Wynn is being held on a charge of murder.

Veteran St. Louis Minister Is Dead

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 11.—The Rev. Samuel V. Love, formerly pastor of the Corinthian Baptist Church, died here Tuesday after an extended illness. His funeral was held Friday from the Leonard Ave. Baptist Church. He was probably the oldest minister in St. Louis.

BULLOCK IS HERO, WAILS MORRISON

Boils Over When He
Finds Canada Doesn't
Believe In Lynching

HAMILTON, Ont., March 11.—Wrapped in the folds of the Union Jack, Matthew Bullock permitted himself to be photographed by a bevy of feminine admirers of his own race, before he boarded a train for parts unknown.

The flag was presented to celebrate Bullock's release by the police Friday after Judge Snider had refused to honor a requisition for his extradition to Norlina, N. C., to be tried on charges of attempted murder.

The flag ceremony was the only public celebration of Bullock's release. Plans for a huge demonstration by the population were abandoned when Bullock's counsel advised that he leave with the least possible ostentation, as he would be liable to re-arrest at any time evidence charging him with an extradition offense should be presented by North Carolina.

As he boarded the train Bullock announced that he would not remain away from Hamilton and that he would avoid publicity. He said he would stay in Canada, however.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 11.—Disgust over the general attitude and resultant action of the Canadian authorities in the Matthew Bullock case was expressed by Governor Morrison after reading press reports of a planned demonstration and feast in Toronto tonight in honor of the man wanted in this state for attempted murder, who was released upon the failure of this state to send witnesses to testify orally as to his guilt.

"They've made a hero in Canada of a Negro who shot down a man over 20 cents," the governor remarked.

He again deplored the refusal of the Canadian authorities to accept the word of the state as to Bullock's status, considering it preposterous that affidavits submitted should not be considered sufficient proof of guilt.

The liberating of Bullock is taken here as closing the case. Governor Morrison considers that he has done everything possible to bring the Negro back without putting on trial the honor and integrity of the race.

"Negro societies for the protection of criminals have again proved successful in defense work," the governor said.

BULLOCK IS RELEASED BY CANADIAN JURIST

HAMILTON, Ont., March 11.—County Judge Snider Friday released Matthew Bullock, American, who was held at the request of United States authorities for extradition to Norlina, N. C., where he is wanted on a charge of attempted murder. The Southern state refused to send witnesses to Canada to testify in extradition proceedings.

The judge ruled when Bullock was rearrested two weeks ago that witnesses must be produced by North Carolina to establish a prima facie case against him. Governor Morrison of North Carolina refused to send witnesses here, and the judge held that affidavits submitted by the United States consul were not sufficient proof of the prisoner's guilt.

The friends of Bullock planned to spend money raised in Toronto and other places as a defense fund on a big demonstration and feast in his honor.

Bullock's case has caused international attention. Norlina authorities failed to gain his extradition at a hearing several weeks ago, when they sought him on a charge of inciting to riot. Then they began proceedings on a charge of having attempted to murder Rabey Traylor in a race disturbance which ended in the lynching of Bullock's brother. Bullock declared he feared lynching should he be returned to Norlina.

Negroes and whites of both Canada and the United States have assisted the defense, retaining two attorneys to plead Bullock's case.